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### **TAX CREDITS AVAILABLE FOR HARFORD'S WORKING FAMILIES**

The Harford Community Action Agency in collaboration with Harford County Government and the AARP has put forth a multi-level plan to help put more money into the pockets of working low and moderate income families and individuals. The aid will come in the form of assisting qualified workers in claiming federal tax benefits they have earned.

The Earned Income Credit (EIC) can be worth up to \$4,716 for families who worked in 2007. In addition, the Child Tax Credit (CTC) can also be worth \$1,000 per child for those who qualify.

"Nationally, it is estimated that as much as twenty percent of eligible workers do not claim their benefits," stated Judy Mason, the Director of the Harford Community Action Agency. "In

Harford County, that translates into a substantial amount of untapped income that can help workers take care of their families."

"These are not some form of handout, but a federal income tax credit that hard-working Harford County families have earned," said Harford County Executive David R. Craig, who spoke in support of the effort. "This extra income can help our citizens meet everyday expenses like groceries and clothing. It is of tremendous value to our community and to our local economy."

Don Mathis, President and CEO of the National Community Action Partnership, and former head of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Harford County, made the trip from Washington, DC for the announcement. He echoed the thoughts of County Executive Craig. "We are talking about the workers who need this boost the most," stated Mathis. "When these dollars get put into a local economy, they get spent over and over again to everyone's benefit."

For more information about the Earned Income Outreach Program, contact the Harford Community Action Agency at 410-638-3567. To make an appointment to receive help filling out tax forms, call 410-638-3425.